

ABSTRACT

A time studies chronometer presents to a user generic descriptions for the user to choose from to describe each task observed by the user. By employing generic descriptions, data collected for each task is automatically given a tag (meta-data) so that all tasks of a single
5 generic description can be processed together for presentation or computation. Tasks are organized in a hierarchy of processes (task series) which are organized in a hierarchy of studies. For the process description and the study description the user is also presented with generic descriptions from which to choose so that the process data and the study data also have tags (meta-data) that can be used for processing the data. The use of pre-specified
10 generic descriptions greatly speeds up the time study process.